



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 376

LCO No. 2666



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ABLE ACCOUNTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 3-39r of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, moneys
4 invested in an individual ABLE account, contributions to an individual
5 ABLE account and distributions for qualified disability expenses
6 pursuant to sections 3-39j to 3-39q, inclusive, shall be disregarded for
7 purposes of determining an individual's eligibility for assistance under
8 the temporary family assistance program, as described in section 17b-
9 112, programs funded under the federal Low Income Home Energy
10 Assistance Program block grant, the state-administered general
11 assistance program, established pursuant to section 17b-190, and any
12 other federally funded assistance or benefit program, including, but not
13 limited to, the state's medical assistance program, whenever such
14 program requires consideration of one or more financial circumstances
15 of an individual for the purpose of determining the individual's

16 eligibility to receive any assistance or benefit or the amount of any
17 assistance or benefit.

18 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no moneys
19 invested in the ABLE accounts shall be considered to be an asset for
20 purposes of determining an individual's eligibility for need-based,
21 institutional aid grants offered to an individual at the public eligible
22 educational institutions in the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	3-39r

Statement of Purpose:

To allow moneys invested in an individual ABLE account, contributions to an individual ABLE account and distributions for qualified disability expenses to be disregarded for the purposes of determining an individual's eligibility for assistance under the state-administered general assistance program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]